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PIUTE BAND ATTACKS UTAH TOWN; PITCHED BATTLE WITH POSSE

Indian Renegades Re-enforced in Canyon Near Bluff—Marshal Calls For Surgeons and Ammunition—Wires Cut By Outlaw Band—Sheriff Ask For U. S. Troops.

SALT LAKE CITY, Feb. 22.—The sheriff of San Juan county today requested the governor of Utah to ask Federal troops be called out to deal with revolting Indians in his district.

CORTEZ, Col., Feb. 22.—Following a pitched battle in the outskirts of Bluff, Utah, a band of 250 renegade Piute Indians, led by Tse Ne Gat and Old Polk, attacked the town where U. S. Marshal Nebeker and a posse of fifty men had taken refuge.

The Indians poured several volleys into the town from the natural fortifications in the outskirts.

Re-enforcements from Greyson arrived at dawn in the teeth of a blinding snowstorm and the combined posses attempted to surround the stronghold of the Indians.

The Indians broke through the small band and are now entrenched in Cottonwood canyon.

Another body of re-enforcements from Monticello made its way through a heavy gale and snowstorm to the relief of the town, and another from Delores is nearing the town.

Marshal Nebeker telephoned just before the wires were cut that the Indians were forming for another rush and asked that surgeons and nurses be sent, as well as armed men and ammunition.

INDIANS ARE RE-ENFORCED.

Indian police at Ship Rock Agency, Indians who fell was dressed like a man, and seemed to be a woman. This is the belief that Indian men and women were fighting side by side. All are armed with modern Winchester rifles. Chief Cooney, one of the leaders of the renegade Indians, is reported to have been killed by the deputies. Tse-Ne-Gat has been on the warpath since last October when he defied the Federal authorities after he had been indicted for the alleged murder of a Mexican, Juan Chacon.

Commissioner Sells Sends Special Agent To Arrange Parley

A telegram today from Special Agent L. D. Creel to D. D. Sells, Indian commissioner, reports the rout of United States troops by the Piutes. The message does not say what troops were operating against the Indians. The message also confirms press reports that one deputy was killed and one injured in the fight between the Piutes and the Government posse yesterday.

Commissioner Sells said that he has ordered Special Agent Creel and Superintendent E. Jenkins, of the Navajo Springs reservation, to join United States Marshal Nebeker at Bluff, Utah, where the Piutes are mobilized, and attempt to arrange an armistice. The commissioner says the present disorders will be quickly subdued.

In the fighting that ensued Joe Aiken, of Dolores, colored, a deputy, was killed and Joe Cordova, another member of the posse, seriously wounded. Two Indians are known to have been killed. Six were captured in a rush on the position held by the posse. The Indians are fighting from the rocks which form well-nigh unassailable natural fortifications. Just before all communication between here and Bluff was cut early today, Marshal Nebeker sent a call for help, saying his band was in desperate straits. He had time also to flash over the wire the fact that the Indians were forming for a rush on the town of Bluff, where the inhabitants were panic-stricken.

Doctors and nurses from Cortez and from Grayson and Monticello have been appealed to go to the scene. Aiken was a wealthy cattle raiser and an expert rifle shot. As Aiken fell the whites, who had been trying to take the Indians by surprise, rolled from their positions into the snow and began firing whenever an Indian showed himself. After a few volleys had been fired, Marshall Aiken sent Marconi Jim, a former Indian outlaw, to parley with Tse Ne Gat.

The parley lasted some time and then Marconi Jim returned with this message: "We will fight until we are all killed." Marshal Nebeker said that one of the

obsessed with the idea that some one was trying to kill him, Robert L. McArdle, forty-nine years old, who says he is a Philadelphia real estate operator, terrorized the residents of the Iroquois, 110 M street northwest early this morning by discharging a fusillade of revolver shots at the walls and ceilings of his apartment.

With the report of the first shot shortly after 1:30 o'clock, men, women, and children in the apartment house were aroused. Doors and windows were cautiously opened to ascertain the cause of the trouble, no one daring to leave their respective suites.

When police arrived, the third precinct arrived they were informed that the shots apparently had been fired in McArdle's suite. In the examination, the man had been living in the place about three weeks, that he acted peculiarly at times, but was nevertheless "a nice man."

A policeman Stott rang the bell and ordered McArdle to open the door. With out resistance McArdle permitted the policeman to take the revolver. Stott says that McArdle told him that "certain persons" were trying to kill him. The prisoner was taken to the third precinct station and held on a charge of insanity. He was removed to the Washington Hospital for mental observation.

Only 50 Hours to Havana, Atlantic Coast Line. "Florida & West Indian Line." All Florida Resorts reached by train daily. 1406 New York Ave. N. W. —Adv.

BORDEAUX, Feb. 22.—For the sale of my art, Mme. Sarah Bernhardt was successfully operated upon this morning. Her right leg was amputated at the knee as the result of an injury suffered several years ago while playing "John Gray." At noon this famous actress was coming out from under the influence of the anesthetic and it was stated that the operation had been a complete success.

MISS WILSON'S FLOWERS WILL BE SOLD FOR CHARITY FUND

President's Daughter Sends Contribution for Sale in Four District Theaters at Today's Matinees.

Committee of Women Workers Urging Tenth of Income Tribute to Charity From Government Employees.

Miss Margaret Wilson today announced her contribution to District Donation Week. It will be a large bunch of flowers from the White House conservatories, which will be sold at the holiday matinees in theaters this afternoon.

These flowers, to be sent to the Donation Week headquarters at The Times office, were to be made into small bouquets, and a bevy of pretty girls will sell them during the intermission at Keith's, the Belasco, National, and Poli's theaters.

"Double the amount collected so far today and tomorrow," was Mrs. Ellis Logan's plea to her workers today. "Those who feel any patriotism on Washington's Birthday should be willing to take this opportunity of expressing that patriotism by contributing to the need of the city named for Washington."

The busiest woman in Washington today is Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, completing plans for Federal Day tomorrow, which is the wind-up of the campaign. With the wife of the Vice President, wives of Cabinet officers, and other prominent women of the city on her special committee for that day, Mrs. Barrett is making preparations to go through the departments thoroughly.

"Share Your Wages." Mrs. Barrett's plea for tomorrow. She is making a special appeal to Government clerks to give at least a tenth of their day's pay to charity tomorrow.

One of the most unusual spectacles seen in a Washington theater took place last night at Keith's, when Mrs. Barrett appeared at the Sunday evening concert and delivered a ringing five-minute address. She made an earnest plea for the city's poor, and also touched upon the work being done by the Florence Crittenton Home, in which she is especially interested. Before she was half through (Continued on Third Page.)

MRS. IDA WALTERS IS VICTIM OF PHTHISIS

White Plague May Send Her to the Grave Before She Goes to Trial.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—The white plague may send Mrs. Ida Sniffen Walters to the grave before she goes to trial for the murder of her two nameless infants, children of her lawyer-lover, Loris Elton Rogers.

L. R. Riegelman, coroner's physician, admitted today that Mrs. Walters is a victim of tuberculosis. One lung is affected, he said, and the woman positively is beginning to show the effects of long confinement in Lebanon Hospital.

No traces of the bichloride she swallowed after poisoning her babies were disclosed in the examination. Consequently, District Attorney Marston probably will ask that Mrs. Walters be removed from the hospital to a jail cell within a few days, despite her tubercular condition.

President and Cabinet Honor First Executive At Monster Meeting



WALTER S. SMOOT.

Walter S. Smoot Presented Medal at Joint Celebration of Sons of American Revolution, Sons of Revolution and Daughters of Revolution at Memorial Continental Hall.

With President Wilson and Mrs. William Cumming Story, president general of the D. A. R. the central figures on the stage, and with the boxes filled with members of the Cabinet and their families and many members of the diplomatic corps, the joint celebration of Washington's Birthday by the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Daughters of the American Revolution was opened at Memorial Continental Hall at 10:30 o'clock today.

The stage had been elaborately decorated with palms and smilax, while a huge United States flag was suspended over the audience. Patriotic music was furnished by the Marine Band.

Although the celebration was a joint one between three organizations, two of which were composed entirely of men, the women outnumbered the men two to one in the audience. Fully an hour before the doors of the hall were thrown open the women began to arrive, and a long line was waiting when the doors were opened.

PRESIDENT PRESENTS MEDAL.

President Wilson made a brief address and presented to Walter S. Smoot the gold medal awarded him by the committee of the Sons of the Revolution for the best essay on a patriotic subject. Smoot then read his essay, "The Course of Events That Led to the Surrender of Yorktown."

The President, in presenting the medal to young Smoot, said: "I give you this medal. It gives me pleasure to see with what careful

attention you have studied the great campaign of which you have written, and I hope that such study will enable you and other lads of your age some of these days to set us all the example we need to be set."

Mrs. William Cumming Story delivered the address of welcome and presided at the meeting. It was rumored that there had been considerable discussion and not a little (Continued on Third Page.)

SUBPOENAS ISSUED IN EXCISE INQUIRY

Senate Special Committee Holds Brief Meeting—Testimony to Start Tomorrow.

The Senate special committee in charge of the Excise Board investigation held a brief meeting at the Capitol today but did not begin taking testimony.

It was decided to begin the inquiry at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. Subpoenas for witnesses will be issued today.

Senators Sheppard and Jones, as a subcommittee, submitted a plan for the investigation this morning. The District surveyor will be asked to survey distances between saloons and churches and between saloons and schoolhouses in cases where violation of the law is charged. The law contemplates there shall be at least 40 feet between saloons and churches or schoolhouses.

The committee adopted this idea and also decided to make a personal investigation of some of the places where it is alleged liquor is sold in violation of the law.

The committee did not make public its list of witnesses, but some of them might escape or evade service. Nor will it indicate what saloons it will visit.

The members of the committee would have gone ahead today in the matter of having measurements made, but it was a legal holiday, and the surveyor was not in his office. This phase of the inquiry may be put in charge of a subcommittee.

Senators as the surveyor's office was closed, it was decided to put the investigation over until tomorrow.

The committee consists of Senators Sheppard, Hughes, Thompson, Jones, and Dillingham.

ITALIANS RIOT AS AGITATORS DEMAND WAR ON AUSTRIANS

Pro-Alies Demonstrations Reported in Many Cities, Especially in the Northern Section.

Troops Called Out in Numerous Instances to Stop Trouble. "Neutral" Meeting Ends in Fight.

ROME, Feb. 22.—Riots occurred in many cities throughout Italy today in connection with demonstrations favoring war with Germany.

Dispatches received today from Milan, Turin, and a number of other cities, especially in the northern part of the kingdom, state that hostile demonstrations were directed against Austria and that in some places troops were necessary to restore order.

Eight socialists were wounded in a fight here, when the "neutral" branch of the socialist party had a meeting to urge the government to maintain its neutrality and refuse to join the war.

War Party Riots.

Just as Signor Maffi, a member of the chamber of deputies, was about to speak, pro-war socialists broke into the hall and a riot followed.

Troops are stationed all over the city. Political newspapers are becoming more bitter in their attitude.

Austrian Flag Burned At Venice After Italian Consul Is Assaulted

ROME, Feb. 22.—An Austrian flag was burned at Venice last night by a mob that made a demonstration in favor of Italian intervention in the war.

According to a press dispatch received here today, it stated that the Austrian flag was burned in the Venice plaza. The Italian consul at Trieste was attacked by a beggar on Saturday, but the official was not seriously injured. The Austrian police after he had been arrested.

Girl Falls Three

STORIES TO DEATH

Miss Dorothy Dodge, Daughter of Attorney, Loses Balance Opening Window.

Plunging headlong from a third-story window of her home, 151 B street northeast, early today, Miss Dorothy Dodge, twenty-eight years old, daughter of William W. Dodge, a well-known attorney, was fatally injured, and died at Casualty Hospital a short time later.

The young woman was unconscious when lifted from the ground. Her death is believed to have been directly due to a fracture of the base of the skull.

Relatives believe that she went to the window when she arose, and, in opening the blinds, lost her balance and fell. She had hardly struck the pavement when several passers-by and relatives ran to her and carried her into the house.

Miss Dodge was in the best of health and spirits when she retired last night and had contemplated paying visits to several girl friends today.

Calls for Militia In West Virginia

Sheriff Unable to Quell Thousand Miners Who Attacked His Posse.

WHEELING, W. Va., Feb. 22.—Sheriff Conway of Marion county today appealed to Governor Hatfield for militia to quell disturbances in the miners' strike at Farmington, near Fairmont.

Further trouble is expected to follow the outbreak of Saturday night when a thousand strikers attacked the sheriff's posse, injuring the sheriff and five men.

Denney W. E. Rigg, whose skull was fractured, is dying today. The strikers were very orderly today.

GERMANS ESCAPE BLAME FOR LOSS OF AMERICAN SHIP

War Zone Protest Not Transgressed By Sinking of the Evelyn By Mine at Borkum, But Inquiry Is Ordered.

ONLY REDRESS IS IN CIVIL ACTION

Incident Adds To Gravity Of Extremely Delicate Situation, and Full Particulars Are Demanded—Naval Authorities Alarmed.

Initial steps were taken today by the State Department to fix the responsibility for the destruction by mine of the American steamer Evelyn off Borkum Island in the North Sea.

Secretary of State Bryan announced that he had dispatched instructions to United States Ambassadors Gerard and Page, at Berlin and London, respectively, to obtain all available details concerning the accident.

This information the diplomatic representatives will be expected to gather from the governments to which they are accredited, from consular officers and agents and from members of the crew of the ill-fated steamer.

As the hull and cargo of the Evelyn were insured by the Government war risk bureau, the information thus gathered will be made the basis of any claims which the United States may institute at the close of the war to recover damages.

In the meantime every effort is being used by the Administration to avoid the appearance of regarding the destruction of the steamer as a cause for rupture between this country and either Germany or England.

SITUATION IS NOT SERIOUS.

The fact that the vessel was not sunk in the war zone area prescribed by Germany, does not, it is thought, by which details, require this Government to hold Germany to that measure of "strict accountability" threatened in the American war zone protest.

On the other hand, two elements contribute to the belief of officials that the incident is a serious nature, need develop. The first of these is the fact that the vessel was allowed to pass through the war zone area without molestation, and the other that no lives were lost.

At the same time, the destruction of the vessel has brought home to this Government with startling emphasis the extremely critical situation in which American commerce is placed. At least, it is realized that this country can only hope for a miracle to prevent more serious consequences from the severe reprisals which England and Germany are taking against one another and that from now on any hour may bring news of the destruction of more vessels of American registry.

No Willful Destruction. Inasmuch as the captain and crew of the Evelyn were saved, the incident assumed far less importance in official minds than it otherwise would. The German embassy today held there had been no willful destruction of the vessel by the Germans, inasmuch as they carried a cotton cargo destined for Germany.

Urging Greater Preparedness. Meantime, some navy officials are urging secretly a preparedness far greater than now exists. A letter today from ex-Secretary of Navy Bonaparte to Congressman Gardner is considered significant in this respect, as he urged immediate action to prepare the fleet to cope with "the entire fleet of any power whose hostility is a reasonable possibility of the future."

Evelyn Passed Safely Through the War Zone

BERLIN (via Amsterdam), Feb. 22.—Official announcement was made at the admiralty today that all the crew of the American steamer Evelyn, which was sunk by a mine off Borkum Island, in the North Sea on Saturday had been rescued.

The vessel had passed safely through the war zone proclaimed by Germany on her way to Bremen when she hit the mine. A great hole was made in her starboard side, through which the water poured, and Captain Smith, seeing it would be impossible to beach her, ordered his crew to the boats.

The submarine which sank the Downshire was the U-12. The German and three shots at the steamship before her captain dove to. After the crew of the Downshire had taken to the boats, the Germans placed a bomb amidships of the vessel and exploded it, and the Downshire sank in a few minutes.

IN CONGRESS TODAY.

Met at 11. SENATE. Senator Root read Washington's Farewell Address. Executive inquiry deferred until Tuesday. Committee considers plans. Military bill taken up.